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SUBJ: [REDACTED] NELSON ((MANDELA)) TO MEND FENCES DURING
ANGOLA VISIT (U).WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ NELSON ((MANDELA)) WILL VISIT LUANDA, ANGOLA, IN JUNE 1996 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MENDING FENCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOSE EDUARDO ((DOS SANTOS)). DURING THE VISIT MANDELA INTENDS TO THANK DOS SANTOS FOR ANGOLAN SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS DURING THE APARTHEID ERA.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ NELSON ((MANDELA)) WILL VISIT LUANDA IN JUNE 1996 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MENDING FENCES WITH THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PRESIDENT JOSE EDUARDO ((DOS SANTOS)). DURING HIS VISIT, MANDELA INTENDS TO THANK DOS SANTOS FOR SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS/UMKHONTE WE SIZWE (ANC/MK) DURING THE APARTHEID PERIOD.

2. ~~(S)~~ COORDINATION FOR THIS VISIT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEGUN IN NOVEMBER 1995, BUT IT HAS ONLY JUST BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS. APPROVAL FOR THE VISIT WAS DELAYED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. ~~(S)~~ FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, MANDELA VISITED ANGOLA TO EXPRESS HIS THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE MPLA TO THE ANC/MK DURING APARTHEID. HOWEVER, AFTER MANDELA BECAME HEAD OF STATE, WHILE HE VISITED A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, HE NEITHER VISITED ANGOLA NOR PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED MPLA SUPPORT.

B. ~~(S)~~ MANDELA FORMALLY RECEIVED DOCTOR JONAS ((SAVIMBI)), HEAD OF THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA), BUT HAS NOT YET HAD AN OFFICIAL MEETING, IN ANGOLA, WITH PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS. DOS SANTOS AND HIS CLOSEST POLITICAL ADVISORS WANT TO KNOW

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MANDELA'S REASONS FOR RECEIVING SAVIMBI AND WHILE COMPLETELY IGNORING

DOS SANTOS AND THE MPLA GOVERNMENT.

3. ~~(S)~~ ADDITIONALLY, JOE ((MODISE)), SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HAS ALSO FAILED TO FORMALLY THANK AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR DOS

SANTOS AND THE MPLA GOVERNMENT. MODISE WAS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF

THE MK FORCES, AND ANGOLA WAS THE BACK BONE OF THE MK SUPPORT APPARATUS. WHEN MODISE LEFT ANGOLA HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED

THAT WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE SINCERE IN THEIR PUSH FOR RECONCILIATION. THEREFORE, HE ASKED THE MPLA TO ALLOW THE MK TO STORE

SEVERAL CACHES OF ARMS IN ANGOLA FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE. THE MPLA

AGREED TO THE REQUEST. MODISE HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED MPLA SUPPORT IN

ANY WAY.

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